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In re Application of Gregory S. Blank et al. Serial No.: not yet assigned Filed: August 27, 2001 For: PROTEIN RECOVERY	Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned Examiner: To Be Assigned EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EM 168 883 284 US
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, the undersigned respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 8-10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a non-provisional application filed under 1.53(b) claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 to co-pending application Serial Number 09/460,587, filed December 14, 1999, which is a divisional of application Serial Number 09/097,309, filed June 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,121,428, which claims the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) to provisional application number 60/050,951, filed June 13, 1997, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 13.

Please add claim 20:

--20. (New) A method for modifying a precursor antibody comprising a leucine zipper comprising exposing the precursor antibody to a protease immobilized on a solid phase such that the protease removes the leucine zipper from the precursor antibody, wherein the precursor antibody binds HER2 receptor, HER3 receptor or HER4 receptor.--

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to update the information on the related applications. By this amendment, remaining claim 13 is cancelled and new claim 20 is added. Support for claim 20 can be found in the specification on page 7 lines 16-18.

The above amendments do not raise an issue of new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 8 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

~~This application is a non-provisional application filed under 37 CF\$ 1.53(b)1, claiming priority under 35 USC 110(e) to provisional application number 60/050,951 filed 13 June 1997, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.~~

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In the claims:

Claim 13 has been canceled.

Claim 20 has been added.

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